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receiving equalization will now be eligible. Now, if Senator DeCamp wants to continue to handout material which is obsolete on evaluation, then Senator Burrows, I want to take him to my office and show you all what the evaluations are on the 93 counties and how they measure out to 35%. I think that many of you will be very embarrassed. It is about time that we evaluate property and bring it close to what its appraised value is today. We can all sit here and moan about that, but that is the fault of the state because we are supposed to be, each year, examining property evaluation and we have not done it since Nebraska got out of the property tax. They do not care what happens to property taxes. As a result schools, cities, and counties are the ones who suffer. I have information to show that if many of the counties would come up to where they should be, the schools, cities and counties could reduce their milllevies considerably, and thereby not constantly be worried about the lid that some of them live under or the abnormally high property tax. With that Mr. President, I call the question.

PRESIDENT: Do I see five seconds? I do. The question is shall the debate now cease. Record your vote. Please vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 16 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator R. Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, I had a question to direct to Senator F. Lewis who is apparently not in the Chamber at the moment. Senator Frank you were hidden by the AI there. You cited to us a long list of losses incurred by school districts, urban I noticed. Now, any time that we have severe losses like this we must have off-setting compensations. Now where do these compensations occur?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well Senator Lewis as you can imagine I did not go through the 1200 school districts computing this this morning. Because of my knowledge of the bill, I was sure that I knew where the losses were going to be. I was able to compute those and you know for what reason I did that.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Those areas that we mentioned represent about 35 votes in here.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Is that a threat or a statement?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, it is a statement. I was trying to be honest with you. You were trying to ask me if it was urban in nature and I said yes, and I was trying to tell you how I did it.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I guess that this bears out Senator Anderson's statement then. Senator Lewis, I would like